

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A magnetic field generator for MRI comprising[[:]];

a generator main body including a pair of plate yokes opposed to each other with space in between, a magnet disposed in each of [[the]] opposed surfaces of said pair of plate yokes, and a column yoke for magnetically connecting said pair of plate yokes; and

a member, made of a closely woven non-magnetic material, for covering the whole generator main body, at least a portion of said member covering an opening defined by said generator body.

2. (currently amended) A magnetic field generator for MRI comprising:

a generator main body including a pair of plate yokes opposed to each other with space in between, a magnet disposed in each of opposed surfaces of [[the]] said pair of plate yokes, and a column yoke for magnetically connecting [[the]] said pair of plate yokes; and

a member, made of a closely woven non-magnetic material, for covering one of a top and a side of said generator main body, [[or]] a side of said generator main body, [[or]] and a bottom and a side of said generator main body, at least a portion of said member covering an opening defined by said generator main body.

3. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 2, wherein said ~~covering~~ member is made of a mesh of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or~~ plastics and plastic material.

4. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 2, wherein at least [[a]] said portion of said ~~covering~~ member, ~~which covers an opening portion of said generator main body,~~ includes a mesh of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or~~ plastics and plastic material.

5. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 2, wherein said ~~covering~~ member is made of a closely woven fabric of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or~~ plastics and plastic material.

6. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 5, wherein at least ~~[[a]]~~ said portion of said ~~covering~~ member, ~~which covers an opening portion of said generator main body,~~ includes a mesh of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material.

7. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 2, wherein at least ~~[[a]]~~ said portion of said ~~covering~~ member, ~~which covers an opening portion of said generator main body,~~ includes a mesh of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material, and ~~[[other]]~~ another portion of said ~~covering~~ member is made of a closely woven fabric of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material.

8. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 2, further comprising a fastening member for fastening said ~~covering~~ member to said generator main body.

9. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 8, wherein said fastening member includes one of a string ~~[[or]]~~ and a rope made of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material.

10. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 8, wherein said fastening member is provided on one side of said pair of plate yokes.

11. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 8, wherein said fastening member is provided so as to pass around said ~~covering~~ member.

12. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 8, wherein said fastening member is removable after said magnetic field generator is transported to a destination ~~thereof~~.

13. (currently amended) The magnetic field generator according to claim 2, wherein said covering member is removable after said magnetic field generator is transported to a destination ~~thereof~~.

14. (currently amended) A method of covering a magnetic field generator for MRI, having a generator main body including a pair of plate yokes opposed to each other

with space in between, a magnet disposed in each of opposed surfaces of ~~[[said]]~~ the pair of plate yokes, and a column yoke for magnetically connecting ~~[[said]]~~ the pair of plate yokes, said method comprising steps of:

covering the whole generator main body ~~by means of~~ with a member made of a non-magnetic material, at least a first portion of the member covering an opening defined by the generator main body, and a second portion of the member made of a closely woven fabric;  
and

fastening ~~[[said]]~~ the member to ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body.

15. (currently amended) A method of covering a magnetic field generator for MRI, having a generator main body including a pair of plate yokes opposed to each other with space in between, a magnet disposed in each of opposed surfaces of ~~[[said]]~~ the pair of plate yokes, and a column yoke for magnetically connecting ~~[[said]]~~ the pair of plate yokes, said method comprising steps of:

covering one of a top and a side of ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body, ~~[[or]]~~ a side of ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body, ~~[[or]]~~ and a bottom and a side of ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body ~~by means of~~ with a member made of a non-magnetic material, at least a first portion of the member covering an opening defined by the generator main body, and a second portion of the member made of a closely woven fabric; and

fastening ~~[[said]]~~ the member to ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein at least ~~[[a]]~~ the first portion of ~~[[said]]~~ the member, ~~which covers an opening portion of said generator main body,~~ includes a mesh of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or~~ plastics and plastic material.

17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15, ~~[[said]]~~ wherein the member is made of a closely woven fabric of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or~~ plastics and plastic material.

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein at least ~~[[a]]~~ the first portion of ~~[[said]]~~ the member, ~~which covers an opening portion of said generator main body,~~ includes a mesh of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton,

hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material, and ~~[[other]]~~ the second portion of ~~[[said]]~~ the covering member is made of a closely woven fabric of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material.

19. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein said fastening step includes a step of fastening ~~[[said]]~~ the member to ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body using one of a string ~~[[or]]~~ and a rope made of one of a stainless steel, aluminum, copper, nylon, cotton, hemp, flax, rubber ~~or plastics~~ and plastic material.

20. (currently amended) The method according to claim 19, ~~[[said]]~~ wherein the member for covering ~~[[said]]~~ the generator main body and ~~[[said]]~~ one of the string ~~[[or]]~~ and the rope are removable after ~~[[said]]~~ the magnetic field generator is transported to a destination ~~thereof~~.